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This Week In Correction

A weekly update of events in the Tennessee Department of Correction

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATE:



WHAT IT'S REALLY ALL ABOUT:

Whether you're taking the kids to the beach, sitting on the front porch with grandma or sharing stories with brothers and sisters, Commissioner Little wants to make sure that during the summer months, we all take time and show our appreciation for family and friends.

"I realize this is very stressful work that we do and unlike the inmates, we have the privilege of being with who we choose. While our jobs are important and I appreciate the dedication of employees, our families and our personal lives need to be maintained as well. We need to be as dedicated to our families and loved ones as we are to our jobs.

This season, let us remember to pay attention to the people around us. None of us wants to look up one day and realize we've missed out. Family and friends...that's what it's all about."

WE WANT TO KNOW:

Are you a part of an exercise or physical activity group that would be an inspiration to others and would welcome others to join? Let us know about it and your group could be highlighted in a future edition of TWIC. Contact me at

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Staff at **WCBC** welcomed Acting Warden Lolie Jones as he fills in during Warden Malcom Davis' absence. Mr. Jones is doing an outstanding job. Staff wishes Warden Davis a speedy recovery.



Acting Warden Jones was on hand to present staff with Service Award Certificates:



David B. Westbrooks, Deputy Warden, received a certificate and a shark-tooth knife for 20 years service.

Carl Filyaw, Correctional Officer, received a certificate and mug for 5 years service.



Sybil Creasy, Storekeeper, received a certificate and paperweight for 5 years service.

Also, Margaret Griffith received a training certificate in policies and practices for supervisors.

Welcome 5 new employees to **WCBC**:

Jeff Staffs-Maintenance
Lorinda Davis-Storekeeper
Stephanie Clark-Mahoney-Nurse
Gary Warren-Correctional Officer
Jamie Vetetoe-Correctional Officer

In celebration of Independence Day, **WCBC** held a cookout compliments of Aileen Creasy, FSM2, with mouthwatering grilled bbq chicken and polish sausage along with the fixings.

CBCX celebrated Employee Appreciation Day on July 6, 2006. Everyone enjoyed the day. The weather was good, the kids had a great time and employees enjoyed having time to relax and talk with co-workers.



Commissioner Little and Central Office Staff join Warden Locke for employee appreciation day.



Kirk Sarago, IRC-CBCX and Unit Manager Mike Johnson man the grill for burgers, polish sausage and more.



THE BABYSITTER:



He may be the head man in charge of more than one-thousand inmates at **CBCX**, but Warden Ken Locke seems to melt when it comes to babies. The big, tough warden quickly made friends with baby Lindsey, the ten-month-old daughter of Fire Safety Officer Joe Fox.

OH, BROTHER!

Some brothers never change. Mike Posey, IRSS III, **CBCX**, couldn't resist making fun of his sister, Assistant Commissioner Cathy Posey, during employee appreciation day. I asked Mike for some interesting stories about his big sis, but that's one rule he wouldn't break...what happens in the family, stays in the family!



Assistant Commissioner Roland Colson has been called a “Jack of all Trades” and the handful of rocks proves it. AC Colson demonstrates his juggling skills.



While AC Colson’s show was going on, Commissioner Little chatted with CO’S at **CBCX** who asked the question, “Where’s P.T. Barnum when you need him?”

Meet the men in charge of the most important part of the day: Food Service Manager (Site 1) Ope Oshomogi and Acting FSM (Site 2) Richard Donnell



CBCX says goodbye to Ms. Queen Powell who is leaving after 13 years. Ms. Powell has accepted a position in Central Office. She leaves **CBCX** on July 14th and will be truly missed.

TCA GETS IT DONE!

Take a look at Tennessee Correction Academy's busy week.

- * Certified twenty (20) institutional firearms instructors with the Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun.
- * Certified eighteen (18) food service workers in Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) procedures.
- * Delivered 40 hours of New Supervisors' Training to 32 recently promoted personnel.
- * Trained 37 preservice and in-service Children's Services Officers.
- * Trained 17 institutional Health Records personnel.
- * Trained 6 Property/Mailroom workers.
- * Completed a 16 hr. training session for 10 Senior Managers.
- * Certified 8 First Aid/CPR instructors.
- * Completed basic training requirements for 3 newly hired Probation/Parole Officers.

And, as if that isn't enough:

- * Instructor Ted Holiday went to the Wilder Youth Development Center in Somerville and, over a span of 3 days, trained 152 employees in proper mechanical restraining techniques.
- * Assistant Training Director Bob Croteau trained 18 managers at **STSRCF** in Effective Interviewing Techniques and Managing a Multi-Generational Workforce.

- * TCA'S distance learning "Air Course Academy" simulcast Workplace Harassment training to 23 people at **CBCX**, **WTSP**, and **NWCX**.
 - * Finished week #2 of pre-service adult security training for 44 cadets.
 - * And on Friday, graduated 40 correctional officers from basic training. Assistant Commissioner of Operations Roland Colson delivered the commencement address.
- If you are doing the math, that comes to fifteen (15) different training programs for a total of 428 people!

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND:



WTSP celebrated the retirement of Correctional Officer Benny Moore. After 34 years, Mr. Moore is leaving it behind. He started out as a correctional officer in 1972 and was most recently working in the inmate records office. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement and many fond memories.

REMEMBERING CHERYL: An open letter from
Terry Maynard

I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the kindness & thoughtfulness demonstrated by all of you during this extremely difficult period for my family and me. The show of support from both the Institution and TDOC was overwhelming to say the least! Many of you have sent cards, letters, and e-mails, offering your condolences & assistance. Many attended the visitation and/or service for Cheryl, while many others wanted to attend, but could not for very valid reasons. On behalf of my family, and myself, I would like to thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts.

Your thoughts and prayers continue to help us through this difficult time. I am blessed to work with such caring people. I pray that each of you may also be blessed. Thank you again for everything you have done and continue to do.



Sincerely,

Terry L. Maynard, CC2
Southeastern TN State Regional Correctional Facility

WAIT TIL THEY SEE THIS:

CO Claude Salmon's community service work crew at **NWCX** has just recently completed installing beautiful new playground equipment for students at Lake Road School in Union City, TN. This project was completed while the children were out for summer break.



Congratulations to **MCCX** employees Sherry Oody, Executive Secretary 1 and Dana Daniels, CCO for obtaining their Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) ratings. Also, **MCCX** held its Alcohol and Drug Program Graduation this week.

HE'S GOT LEGS:



Can you guess who these gems belong to? Here's a hint...the pictures were snapped at the recent wardens meeting at Fall Creek Falls State Park.

The answer may surprise you, then again, knowing these two, it probably won't. If you can stand the suspense, the answer will be revealed next week.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

“Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon ’em.”

-William Shakespeare, “The Twelfth Night”

-Submitted by Sgt. Stanton D. Heidle II, Institutional Investigator, **MCCX**

Most people walk in and out of your life.....but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart.

-Submitted by Sandra Shands, Secretary, **WTSP**

“Encouragement is the oxygen of the soul”

-Author Unknown

-Submitted by Jean Mills, **WTSP**